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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FOR

CONSTRUCTIVE PEACE

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Emergency Federation of Peace Forces

CHICAGO COMMITTEE

THE Emergency Federation of Peace Forces was organized in Chicago on December 19, 1914, with Miss Jane Addams as Chairman, to secure the widest possible adoption by peace, civic, labor, religious, social, scientific and other organizations of a minimum program for constructive peace, so that an intelligent public opinion may direct the terms of settlement of the present world catastrophe with a view to insuring permanent peace.

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Is on the whole in line with the programs of the "Union for Democratic Control" (Norman Angell and others) of England, the "Ligue des Pays Neutres" of Switzerland, the "Woman's Movement for Constructive Peace" (Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence of London), the International Peace Bureau (Senator Henri La Fontaine of Belgium), the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, the South German Social Democrats, the Anti-War Council ("Anti-Oorlog Rad") of Holland, the "League of Peace" (Hamilton Holt), The American Peace Society, The World Peace Foundation of Boston, and others.

This tentative program was adopted at a meeting in which representatives of the following organizations took part: Chicago Peace Society, Political Equality League, Chicago Woman's Club, Socialist Women's League, Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy, Penny Phone League, Chicago Teachers' Federatoin, Iroquois Club, Playground and Recreation Association of America, Young People's Socialist League, Chicago Progressive Club, Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, Social Service Club, Single Tax Club, National Socialist Party, Federation of Churches, National Socialist Women's Committee, Executive Board of the Chicago Federation of Labor, Women's City Club, Women's Trade Union League, Socialist Party of Cook County.

While many of these delegates came uninstructed and could therefore not speak authoritatively for their organizations, it is significant that after a full discussion the Tentative Program was adopted unanimously by those present.

It is proposed to hold a national conference in the near future, at which this Tentative Program will be discussed and adopted with such modification as may, after careful consideration and debate, seem essential.

Contributions for the furtherance of the work of the Emergency Federation are earnestly solicited. Checks should be made payable to Mrs. Bertram W. Sippy, Treasurer, The Emergency Federation of Peace Forces, 623 Stock Exchange Building, Chicago.

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Object: To organize all peace forces and to bring their pressure to bear upon public opinion and the Governments of the world to the furtherance of the following ends:

I. TO SECURE A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES:

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1. The President of the United States shall be urged to invite the neutral nations of Europe to send envoys to meet our envoys to be appointed by him. This joint delegation shall urge upon the nations now at war that they declare a cessation of hostilities until the message of our nation shall have been delivered. This armistice, it is confidently expected, will be the first step toward permanent peace.

Or

2. An early conference of the neutral powers of the world shall be held, which conference shall issue a joint offer of mediation to the warring nations.

II. TO ENSURE SUCH TERMS OF SETTLEMENT AS WILL PREVENT THIS WAR FROM BEING BUT THE PRELUDE TO NEW WARS, AND AS WILL HOLD THE BELLIGERENT POWERS TO THEIR SLOGAN THAT "THIS IS A WAR TO END WAR":

1. No province shall be transferred from one government to another without the consent of plebiscite of the population of such province. The plebiscite, in which women shall be included, shall be taken by an international commission of neutral nations.

2. No war indemnities shall be assessed.

3. No treaty, alliance, or other arrangement shall be entered upon by any nation, unless ratified by the representatives of the

people. Adequate machinery for insuring **democratic control of foreign policies** shall be created.

III. TO PLACE THE FUTURE PEACE OF THE WORLD UPON SECURER FOUNDATIONS:

1. Foreign policies of nations shall **not** be aimed at creating alliances for the purpose of maintaining the **"balance of power,"** but shall be directed to the establishment of a **"Concert of Nations,"** with

(a) A **court or courts** for the settlement of all disputes between nations;

(b) An **international congress,** with legislative and administrative powers over international affairs, and with permanent committees in place of present secret diplomacy;

(c) An **international police force.**

2. As an immediate step in this direction, a permanent **League of Neutral Nations** ("League of Peace") shall be formed, whose members shall bind themselves to settle all difficulties arising between them by arbitration, judicial or legislative procedure, and who shall create an international police force for mutual protection against attack.

3. **National disarmament** shall be effected in the following manner: It shall be contingent upon the adoption of this peace program by a sufficient number of nations, or by nations of sufficient power to insure protection to those disarmed. It shall be graduated in each nation to the degree of disarmament effected in the other nations, and progressively reduced until finally complete.

4. The **protection of private property at sea,** of neutral commerce and of communications shall be secured by the **neutralization of the seas** and of such maritime trade routes as the Dardanelles, the Panama, Suez and Kiel Canals, the Straits of Gibraltar, etc.

5. National and international action shall be secured to remove the **economic causes** of war.

6. The **democracies** of the world **shall be extended** and reinforced by general application of the principle of self-government and by the extension of **suffrage to women.**

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